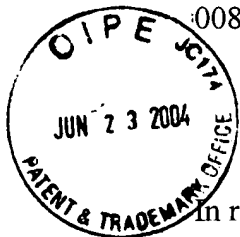


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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the Japanese documents, together with English-language abstracts, are enclosed.

The Japanese documents are discussed at pages 3 and 16 of the specification.

U.S. Patent No. 5,583,871 is believed to be an English-language counterpart of Japan 2732204; and U.S. Patent Nos. 5,818,202 and 6,104,165 are believed to be English-language counterparts of Japan 2743155.

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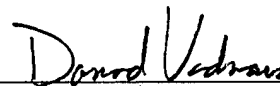
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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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